

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm

November 17, 2022

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members present: Chad Hunter-Chair, Jason Holm, Bill McHugh, John Melander, Lt. Rob Akin, Lt. Bob Gillan, Sgt. Chris Bailey

Guests: Robert Tomaino, Gregg Fraiser, Bion Pike, Todd Bailey, Kurt Bornheim, P. Dickaman, Elise DeCola, Sam Butler, Dan Fielho

Call to order 1312hrs

Minutes-October 13, 2022 approval for meeting minutes postponed due to some inconsistencies; Hunter to review and update based on the zoom recording.

Waiver/Exemptions Applications-

**Town of Bourne: John B. Thompson, P. Sharon Hamilton, Richard F. Libin**

Documentation on appointments received (follow up from last meeting). Hunter read into the record the original appointment dates.

Holm motion to send a letter to all three stating that they are in compliance with the CMR; second Lt. Bob Gillan. Roll Call vote taken – Unanimous approval.

**Town of Bourne: Todd Bailey**

Hunter sent out updated packet for Mr. Bailey's background and training. Mr. Bailey went over his training credentials with HMTC and spoke to his equivalency.

Holm- Thank you for the supporting documents; unable to find some of the credentials mentioned in the packet, but will go back through and double check.

McHugh- Can attest to Bailey's training as he has similar shipping experience.

Hunter- will go through and send along any missing documentation. Does the Council want to move it forward or postpone?

Motion made by Lt. Gillan to approve, second Lt. Akin, no discussion. Role Call Vote – unanimous approval

Hunter provided Ryan M. Maltais with a letter as follow up from the October meeting to provide guidance and assistance.

**New Business - Nuka Research – Elise DeCola**

Hunter asked the HMTc to see if we could move NUKA up to allow Elise with a shorter wait. Provided a presentation related to oil spill and climate change assessment. Provided some questions via survey for Harbormasters.

McHugh- Salem is preparing for a large scale wind project; feel free to call and discuss.

Hunter- Please share the survey link to try and get more participants

### **Old Business – POST Commission**

Melander - Two public hearings, one tomorrow for MPTC 550CMR 3.00 as a complete overhaul due to police reform; Melander to provide link. Another hearing on electronic weapons 501CMR 8.00 December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am.

Hunter - POST-C has a couple of public hearings scheduled; Hunter has forwarded the notice. Recent discussion has included school resource officers. Harbormasters should keep an eye on the POST-C meetings to see if there is any further guidance. Holm, McHugh, Hunter to hopefully reach out and meet with POST-C executive director and counsel to follow up to a meeting last spring related to definitions. Melander to try and set up a meeting

### **Harbormaster LE Training:**

Holm provided an quick update. HM LE training is on-track to start second week of January.

McHugh- We have enough to run the class, but we have some room. If anyone is interested please reach out.

Hunter- Any idea of the layout of the course? Virtual vs inperson, days/nights?

Holm- Most training will days and possible Monday/Wednesday/ Friday with completion in mid-march.

### **501 CMR 16.00**

Holm – provided an update on his review of the CMR. Went through the CMR, clearly there is some parallels with MPTC CMR's. Hunter shared the document provided by Holm on the screen. Some of the items discussed:

- Town should notify when a Harbormaster or Assistant Harbormaster is appointed; this is not happening. Once this is established, HMTc should send along a “welcome” packet get the appropriate waiver/exemption form filed to HMTc.
- Appropriate sponsorship and how to check for felony conviction, age check?
- 270-day waiver – propose that this becomes a sub-regulatory policy asap.
- Statement of compliance draft

Hunter – applauds the effort to the review the CMRS and documentation provided. Hunter started digging through the past draft CMR and review of CMR minutes to review the discussions by HMTc. Hunter will continue with the review.

Holm – Wants to assist those getting started and point them down the correct pathway to complete the training. We have had a lot of waiver requests and hopefully this will taper off as we proceed. The vision

of how the training would proceed was captured in the CMR's, but here we are and the current training model is different.

Hunter- Spoke to the early vision and discussion based on the previous Harbormaster Academy (351 hours in person) and how that was the model. Over time this changed to allow more people to attend like the North Shore chapter had run for years. What has changed, HMTC is not delivering the training and we are relying on different organizations. Slightly different from MPTC who has their own academies, but also has private vendors offering the training.

Holm – Would make sense to send out another mailing to communities, similar to the one sent out to Town Clerks years ago, to make sure they are aware of the HMTC requirements.

McHugh – North Shore training geared to the completion of the “3<sup>rd</sup> element”. Urban Harbors course content has been shared and they are working to unlock these courses.

Hunter – Courses should be available to all to share the standardized training. We have run into software limitations as they were developed to be on the EOPPS LMS system.

Holm- Please review the documents sent along and be ready to discuss at a future meeting.

#### **New Business – Training Opportunities**

Hunter – LE training update provided earlier. Would like to focus on offering Marine Medical, Laws pertaining to HM's, and Marine Theft delivery and possible host them in Plymouth with a possible remote option. Looking to pull together some instructors for Marine Medical; hopefully EPO's can deliver Marine Theft. If you see or hear about anything upcoming, please make sure all are aware.

Holm – Will we use the existing powerpoints?

Hunter- Yes, that would be the plan and Laws pertaining might be a 1-2 day course.

Holm- Inquiring with Lt. Akin about the BUI and BUI refresher?

Lt. Akin – If you provide dates requested, we will be able to deliver before the summer season. Spoke about logistics of the delivery.

Hunter- Any thought about a marine theft/ vessel documents course delivery?

Lt. Akin – Can assist with delivery; please reach out.

#### **New Business – HMTC Reorganization**

Hunter – Have been acting as Chair for just about 10 years, Rosemary has been Vice Chair since 2009 and looking to step down, Clerk has been un-filled. If anyone is interested, please email prior to the next meeting or nominations can be done on the floor. Looking to focus more on the delivery of training courses. To be taken up at the next meeting.

**Public Comment** - none

Next MHTC meeting: December Thursday

Motion to adjourn by Bill McHugh to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Holm  
Roll call vote-all in favor

Meeting adjourned 1425hrs